Lafayette Historical Society
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POT LUCK

The pot luck dinner held on April 8th was a successful and enjoyable affair. Food was plentiful, the fellowship rewarding and we heard an informative talk by Robert McNeil. Mr. McNeil spoke on the history of the Pioneer store. 115 of our members and friends were gathered on this evening and all are looking forward to next year's pot luck.

THANKS

We are again indebted to the Lafayette American Legion Post for the use of their facilities and for the help that members of that organization gave us with the pot luck.

Thanks to Esther Marchant for the super job she did organizing the pot luck. Things ran smoothly under her direction.

To all the members of the LHS who contributed the varied and delicious food and worked to make the event the success that it was--THANKS.

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NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome the following as new members of LHS:

Lafayette Women's Club
Mr and Mrs. Kenneth Brown, 3311 Springhill Rd.
George Brackett, 1001 Willow Dr.
Charles DeBusk, 3261 Chestnut Ave. #1
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kerr, 3332 Las Huertes
Dr. and Mrs. Alvin Priddy, 662 Jennie Ct.
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Stokes
Mr. and Mrs. L.M. Chalk, P.O. Box #257

MEMBERSHIP

Membership chairman Betsy Wilcutts reminds us that dues are now past due. If you have not already done so please remit your check payable to Lafayette Historical Society, P.O. Box #133, Lafayette 94549. Cost is: $2.50 student, $5 family, $10 sustaining, $50 business and $100 life.

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PICTURES

LHS is currently reproducing some old photographs Alice McNeil Rossi found among the belongings of her aunts estate. Her aunt, Agnes Thomson Keith, was the daughter of Robert Thomson and was raised in the Thomson home which was located at the site of the present Sambos. Her father was the brother of Peter Thomson, the blacksmith.

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BI-CENTENNIAL

LHS member Lou Repetto is serving as co-ordinator of Lafayette groups who are interested in participating in the bi-centennial celebrations of Lafayette. The League of Women Voters, Mayor Barbara Langlois and others are compiling a questionnaire to be sent to Lafayette residents. By answering this questionnaire the residents will be able to voice just what events they deem to be of interest and importance to the celebration.

Bi-centennial events will be held in 76 in conjunction with Horse and Carriage Days, the Concourse and other of our mid summer festivities. Final plans are incomplete at this time.

LANDMARK$ DISPLAY

The current display on view at the Landmarks Room of Lafayette Savings and Loan features two themes. A collection of old-fashioned irons is featured along with a display honoring the Camp Fire Girls Birthday.

The Camp Fire Girl display features uniforms, flags, ceremonial equipment and other accessories used by the group that was founded in 1913. One of the uniforms was originally worn by LHS member Fern Davis.

The irons, collected by Dr. and Mrs. Frank Politzer, include "sad irons" and self-heating irons-some toys, some souvenirs, but most actual household tools used in the 19th and early 20th centuries. According to the Politzers irons were called "sad" as early as the 16th century and the term refers to solid, massive and heavy, descriptions fitting these irons.

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DID YOU KNOW?

The Lafayette Cemetery was founded on August 2, 1874 by some of the citizens of Lafayette. In the little cemetery lie many pioneers of Lafayette including Ben Shreve, Nathanial Jones(1st sheriff) and John Standish. The cemetery was not founded as a money maker but as a place to bury the dead of the community. There have been problems within the cemetery throughout the years and the problems of non-care and vandalism led to incorporation with the Alamo cemetery in 1937. The cemetery still serves as a burying ground for people living within the boundries of the cemetery district. Names such as Thomson, McNeil, Gerow and Bunker are found on the stones marking the graves.

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NEW BOARD

3 year elected directors are: Chris Schreiber, Fern Davis, Lou Repetto, Mary McIvor.
2 year carry over directors are Angela Broadhead, Toni Fingers, Edith Viguers, Sandy Kimball.
1 year carry over director is Esther Marchant and appointed to fill unexpired 1 year terms are DiDi Williams, Betsy Wilcutts, Martha Gridley.

There is still an opening on the board and Chris Schreiber(284-7538) would like to hear from you if you are able to serve on the board.

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